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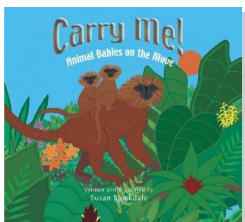
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Books for Springtime Read Alouds

Animal Babies

Bedtime in the Jungle by John Butler

As dusk falls in the jungle, animal babies and their parents prepare for bedtime.



Carry Me: Baby Animals on the Move by Susan Stockdale
All around the world, animal parents transport their children in a variety of ways.

Hello, Baby by Mem Fox

A baby encounters a variety of young animals, including a clever monkey, a hairy warthog and a dusty lion cub, before discovering the most precious creature of all.

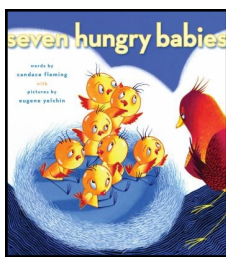
Little Lions by Jim Arnosky

On a rocky ledge, two baby mountain lions play and purr and meow under the protection of their mother.

Seven Hungry Babies by

Candace Fleming

A mother bird tries to keep her seven hungry baby birds fed.



Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy by

Denise Fleming

A number of animal babies are shown sleeping as a mother puts her own baby to bed.

Some Babies Sleep by Cynthia Cotton

Rhyming text reveals where different baby animals sleep.

Caterpillars and Butterflies

Are You a Butterfly? by Judy Allen

Caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly – follow the metamorphosis of this familiar backyard creature as it evolves into a delicate flying insect.

Bob and Otto by Robert O. Bruel

Otto the worm is shocked to discover that his best friend Bob is actually a caterpillar who emerges one day as a butterfly.

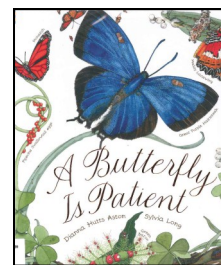
Butterfly Alphabet Book by Brian Cassie

Amazing facts about butterflies are revealed in this alphabet book.

A Butterfly Is Patient by Dianna

Hutts Aston

Colorful illustrations and simple text describe the many characteristics of butterflies.



Caterpillar's Wish by Mary Murphy

Caterpillar wants to fly away with her friends Bee and Ladybug, and she can after she becomes a butterfly.

Gotta Go! Gotta Go! by Sam Swope

A small creepy-crawly bug is certain that she must make her way to Mexico.

Ten Little Caterpillars by Bill Martin, Jr.

Illustrations and rhyming text follow 10 caterpillars as one wriggles up a flower stem, another sails across a garden pool and one finds an apple leaf, where something amazing happens.

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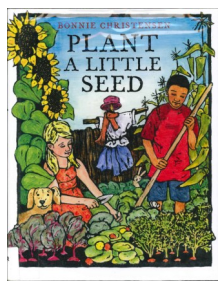
Plants

Quiet in the Garden by Aliko

Sitting quietly in his garden, a little boy observes the eating habits of birds, bugs, butterflies and other small animals. Includes instructions on how to make your own garden and a detailed illustration of plants typically found in a garden.

One Watermelon Seed by Celia B. Lottridge

Max and Josephine plant their garden, where there are ample opportunities to count by ones, and when the crops are harvested, it is time to count by tens.



Plant a Little Seed by Bonnie Christensen

Two friends plant seeds in their community garden, then water, weed, wait and dream as the plants grow until they can be harvested. Includes facts about gardening and harvest festivals.

Up, Down, and Around by Katherine Ayres

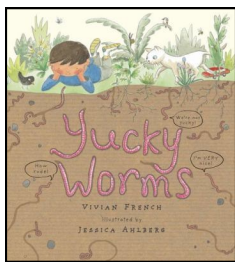
A garden produces a variety of edible plants, such as corn that grows up, onions that grow down and tomato vines that twine all around.

My Garden by Kevin Henkes

After helping her mother weed, water and chase the rabbits from their garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden complete with jellybean bushes, chocolate rabbits and tomatoes the size of beach balls.

Yucky Worms by Vivian French

While helping Grandma in the garden, a child learns about the important role of the earthworm in helping plants grow.



Spring

And Then It's Spring by Julie Fogliano

Simple text reveals the anticipation of a boy who, having planted seeds while everything around is brown, fears that something has gone wrong until, at last, the world turns green.

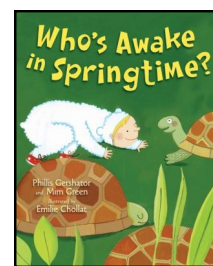
Bunny Bunny Catkin by Cathy MacLennan

In the spring, birds chirp, butterflies flutter, bunnies hop and flowers bloom.

Who's Awake in Springtime? by

Phillis Gershator

Describes, in rhymed cumulative text and illustrations, how various young animals and one small human prepare for sleep at the end of a spring day.



Fletcher and the Springtime Blossoms by Julia Rawlinson

When Fletcher the fox finds the ground covered in white, he rushes to warn the other animals that spring snow has fallen, but when they follow him back to the meadow they find something much more fun.

Hooray for Spring! by Kazuo Iwamura

The three squirrel children, Mick, Mack and Molly, enjoy springtime and notice various animals eating. They meet a crying, hungry baby bird and are puzzled about what to feed it.

Split! Splat! by Amy S. Gibson

When a little girl ventures out into a spring rain with her dog, singing a pitter-patter rain song, her neighbors soon join her for some muddy day fun.

Spring Is Here by Will Hillenbrand

Excited that spring has finally arrived, Mole tries – unsuccessfully – to wake up Bear, but then he comes up with the perfect plan.